

Dear Sirs:

As President of the Albany Amateur Radio Association, established in 1912, I would like to voice my utter disgust with this proposed use of our (the public's) radio spectrum. It now generates interference that will render our communicating frequencies in many, if not all, communities useless.

I personally have spent 46 years in Amateur Radio, and, many of those years were spent fighting interference caused by Russian "Jammers", especially their "Woodpecker". Now after all this I will have to contend with what will be a "Bulletproof" jamming system that may be approved for use in our own country?

Amateur Radio was created in the public's interest, convenience or necessity and we have always lived up to these to the best of our abilities. We have always been there when every other type of communications system has failed due to a natural disaster, 9/11 terrorist attack, or our recent "Blackout". We have developed our own communications systems at no cost to our citizens, and we have given them to local authorities to use when their systems have failed. We have always been there and I can only say that this proposed BPL, in its testing stages at low powers, has already generated unacceptable levels of interference, and at higher power levels it will surely be the "kiss of death" to Amateur Radio as we know it today.

I am quite sure that Homeland Security depends greatly on our being there today, but what about tomorrow? These proposed frequencies for BPL conveniently fall between the commercial AM and FM band rendering them free of interference, and, one has to wonder why.